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Notes from KO4ZFO (Rodney)

Dear SWARC members,

Thank you all for attending this month's meeting. Don't forget to volunteer for the SWARC table at RARSfest. If you would like to help, please let me know. Our Spring T-shirt order has come to a close and I passed out shirts to those present who had ordered. If there is enough interest closer to fall, we can do another order then so you can have a chance to order before it gets cold. We will also open the order up for long sleeve and hoodies, but these will be an additional cost. I will bring it up closer to mid-summer to allow those orders time to be fulfilled before mid-fall.

Items for future consideration are:

Establish a planning committee for Field Day, which includes securing an alternative site due to the construction in front of the Legion. I have, as of today, received confirmation that we can use the Fuquay Coworking building on Main Street for the whole weekend. This would give us indoor/outdoor space through the weekend without worrying about having to relinquish the building on Sunday morning to the church in building #2. We would need to discuss the dinner too.

Elections in June. There are a lot of us wanting to take a break, including Richard, Dave, and myself. We need volunteers to step up to take the reins, while we step down. I am still talking to members trying to get the nominating committee filled so they can seek out members for the positions available.

I received a request to share information regarding the following two events; note



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that two different folks wrote about the same two events with a slightly different twist to each:

“Explore Emergency Communications (EMCOMM) through two great events by the Eastern Healthcare Preparedness Coalition (EHPC). On May 13, visit the Eastern Branch office, meet disaster response teams, and learn firsthand about their work and how you can help with communications. On June 17, join a self-paced virtual training to understand the role and needs of Amateur Operators during emergencies. See the EHPC invitation below. For questions, contact [Doug Wall N3LTV](#)

Join us on May 13, 2025, from 10 AM to 2 PM at the NCEM Eastern Branch Office. This is a great opportunity for amateur radio clubs and EMCOMM support personnel to get involved and enhance regional coordination. This event will help us prepare for the 2025 Hurricane Season and the EHPC Communication Exercise (COMMEX) on June 17, 2025. Ensuring Eastern NC is ready takes all of us!

Who Can Attend?

- You must be affiliated with an amateur radio club or EMCOMM support group in the region.
- AUXCOMM credentials are not required to participate.

Register Here:

<https://nc.readyop.com/fs/4fan/89ecdc58>

Learn More About the EHPC COMMEX (June 17):

<https://subsplash.com/.../vqy58t5-2025-ehpc-hurricane-commex>

Let's work together to strengthen emergency communications across Eastern NC!



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Tony, K1OC, wrote the following on the RARS Discord server.

I received an email from Bruce Perkins K4ONC, who is a volunteer with the [Eastern Healthcare Preparedness Coalition \(EHPC\)](#) in Greenville, NC, to let me know that the EHPC will be conducting a statewide communications exercise (COMMEX) on June 17th, in preparation for the hurricane season. They are recruiting as many amateur radio operators as possible to participate in the exercise. With that in mind, the North Carolina Emergency Management Eastern Branch Office in Kinston, in conjunction with the EHPC, is hosting an Open House on May 13th, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The purpose of this Open House is two fold: First, to familiarize amateur radio operators with the workings of the NCEM branch offices and meet some of the staff. Second, to discuss the June 17th COMMEX and the expectations of the exercise. All amateur operators with a General Class license who have a desire to work with Emergency Communications (EMCOMM) are encouraged to attend. You do **NOT** have to be AuxComm certified to participate in either the COMMEX or the Open House.

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The purpose of this open house and exercise is to help licensed Amateur Operators (they do NOT need to be General class licensed) see a real comms center, and, in the virtual exercise, learn how they might be expected to work with their Authority Having Jurisdiction during a real disaster.”

Monthly Reminders



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Please remember our fellow members who are dealing with various medical situations. Please reach out to these members. Even a phone call can brighten their day and give them encouragement through their recovery.

We ask you to keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Gary, KO4LQX, Kenny, KJ4CVK, Al, WA4TCJ, and Linda, KI4LO, Crawford, Bernie Jones, N4BAJ, and particularly his wife, and Steve, KA0GMY.

Steve, KA0GMY, continues to have health issues of various sorts so remember him and his family.

Gary Plante, KO4LQX, reports:

Things are still about the same here and I'm still battling the rashes but doing ok besides that. Thanks for checking in. Gary (Report from Richard Hall this week).

Kenny, KJ4CVK, is now in an assisted living facility, in Lillington, I believe.

Ken Castille, KN4GUS, has recovered from his knee replacement and was present for the meeting.

Al and Linda have had many health issues over the past few months and are feeling better and doing a slight bit more these days.

Bernie recovered from his pneumonia and other respiratory issues but now his wife is facing some form of heart surgery in the near future.



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Lastly, I want to remind you that we are now taking online payments for dues and donations. We currently have a link on our website which allows you to pay your dues or make a donation. Please let us know when you pay online by emailing me, so that I can ensure your payment is marked either for dues or a donation. The link for SWARC dues is:

https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://square.link/u/h0LLrbD6?src=sms

Rodney
KO4ZFO

Notes from NW3U (Dave)

Hello SWARC Members,

The May meeting will be our spring picnic and annual auction that was postponed earlier due to a schedule conflict. Since our club finances are somewhat limited, we will be asking members to bring potluck dishes, but the meeting will be entirely a social event except for the auction.

From the Public service director, the 2025 Raven Rock Ramble is scheduled for Saturday May 4th starting at Harris Lake County Park in New Hill. This is a big event with 5 routes for the cyclists to choose from. A lot of help will be needed, so check your calendar and go to hpsnc.org to sign up.

Dave, NW3U

SWARC 2 April 2025 Meeting Minutes



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Thanks to all who brought food and goodies for us to eat. It was a nicely attended meeting.

The meeting began at 7:04 pm with Pledge of Allegiance led by Ken, KN4GUS. This was followed by brief officer reports.

Attendees: Bill (KK4QDZ), Rodney (KO4ZFO), Richard (KR4LH), Ron (K4AAA), Steve (WB4SMS), Dave, (NW3U), Rich (KZ4ET) and wife Jane, Mike (Gator) (K4MWG), Ken (KN4GUS), Christy (KJ4AEO), Don (KN4OEY), Paul (KN4GNI), Brian (KK4BK), Phil (KZ4OE), Matt (KE4NIP) and Steve (NC4SW).

Old/Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None

Program/Presentation

Bill Blomgren (KK4QDZ) presented the program on how to get rid of all the 'bloating' that Microsoft adds, via advertising and unwanted software, when we make a new install of the operating system. I asked him for the information to allow us to use the methodology that he presented, but it's too large to include here and might get corrupted. So, if you were there, or not, and you would like the info, email me directly and I will send it on to you.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Christy Fernandini reported income of \$56.00 in dues with expenses of \$17.23 comprised of bank and credit card service fees. Balance of \$2,544.54 with no obligated funds.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm, more or less, as I had to leave early.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hall KR4LH

Secretary and Newsletter Editor

Public Service

To learn more about future events, you can go to <https://hpsnc.org/>.

Check the HPSNC.org web site often for Public Service opportunities. The public service season is very active and events need volunteers. You may also get to public service events on the RARS and SWARC websites.

MEMBERSHIP

You can bring a check or cash for dues to the next meeting or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will advise she has received them. Also, you can now



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renew online by contacting Christy and giving her the appropriate credit card info for the 'Square' account. Christy's email is christyfernandini@outlook.com. Make checks payable to South Wake ARC and send to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

NET REPORT

SWARC Group – March 2025

The monthly total of check-ins was 193—a significant decrease from last month! Note that **very few** net controls record their counts, so numbers could actually be higher than recorded. The newly instituted DMR net had 16 check-ins, included in the totals for this month.

If you are a net control, please try to document your check-ins so that we can justify the trustee's provision of the repeater for our nets and other uses. If you need help with the spreadsheet software, reach out to one of us and we will try to help.

- Saturday and Sunday evenings will be called by KO4ZFO & KR4LH
- We need someone to** call Monday evenings
- KN4OEY will call Tuesday evenings
- KK4BK will call Wednesday evenings except on meeting nights
- KO4ZFO or a board member will call Thursday evenings
- Fridays will continue to be called by NC4MP
- And we need backups – JUST BECAUSE.



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Welcome to new substitute net controllers: CD Murphy (KJ4IJK), Bryant Byrd (KQ4UHZ) and Mark McFarland (KD7AAG).

Please contact Rodney Warren (KO4ZFO) or Don Nicholson (KN4OEY), if you are interested in calling one or more nets. **If you are a scheduled net controller and you are not able to call your net, please reach out and ask someone else to call it for you!**

SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of its members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service. Refer to the SWARC web site for the Board of Directors/Officers and Appointed Positions.

LINKS (if you have other links that you want added, send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network

www.ncprn.net

GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com

QRZ

www.qrz.com

Ham Radio Outlet HRO

www.hamradio.com



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Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS

www.rars.org

Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS

www.jars.net

South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC

www.southwakearc.com

Carolina 440 Network

www.carolina440.net

North Carolina Packet

www.ncpacket.com

TARPN (Terrestrial Amateur Packet Radio Net)

www.tarpn.net

Useful Ham Info

www.torborg.com/a

Five County Ham Radio Enthusiasts

www.fivecountyhre.org

Ham Study (Exam Tools)

www.hamstudy.org

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